<c) the steps taken by Government to prevent the formation of such illegal arms factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PEN-SIONS AND THE MINISTER OF . STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBA-RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The, following items have been recovered from the factory: —

1. 7 complete air pistols
2. 201 complete pipes
3. 59 Kamanies
4. 407 pistol barrels .
5. 2400 rubber washers for air pistols
6. Or*} pistol cover
7. 19 air gun butts .
8. 3 air pistols marked "Tom-my.
9. 2 air guns
10. 284 finished pipes.
11. 49 springs.
12. One Varhier
13. 12 needles
14. One ma,gie meter
15. 8 different »3als
16. 16 machines of various kinds.

(c) The Delhi Police have taken a number of steps to detect such ille gal arms factories and sale of such illegal arms, as under: —

(i) Strict watch over :the per sons suspected to be involved in manufacturing and smuggling of illegal arms is kept.

(ii) Intelligence system has been strengthened.

(iii) Periodic raids are conducted to check the suspected places.

(iv) Armed pickets at strategic points hav$_e$ been stationed to check suspicious persons carrying such arms.

(v) Border check posts have been set up to detect persons carrying such arms.

(vi) Regular meetings with polic$_e$ authorities of neighbouring States are held to coordinate action to detect/nab smugglers/manufacturers $_0$f arms.

Evaluation of the afforestation measures

1531. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be plea sed to state:

(a) whether any evaluation of the afforestation measures taken in the country during the last few years has been made;

(b) whether the forest area in the country has increased as a result of these measures; and

(c) if so, what has been the extent of increase in the forest area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Private Armies/Senas

1532. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANI CKER; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing menace of Pri vate armies/senas, formed by differ ent sections of society in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking to check the growth of such militant groups which threaten peace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The concerned State Governments have been advised to keep a careful watch over the activities of these groups and take suitable action to prevent any violation' of law.

Import of picture-tubes for Colour TVs

1533. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the countries from which picture-tubes for colour television sets are being imported;

(b) whether the prices of television components and picture-tubes have increased in foreign countries due to strengthening of the Japanese Yen and the Deutsche Mark against the rupee and if so, to what extent; and

(c) what is its likely effect on the cost of colour television sets in the Indian market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ- PATIL): (a) The Colour TV picture, tubes are being largely imported from South Korea, Japan, France, West Germany and Singapore.

(b) and (C) The prices of imported TV components are likely to rise on account of the increase in exchange rate vis-a-vis Yen and DM, but largely remain unaffected with respect to the Dollar. However, Government expects that the price of television sets should not increase in view of the many concessions given.

Kudal Commission

1534. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum signed by some Members of Parliament was submitted to the Prime Minister regarding, the Kudal Commission on 8th March, 1986; and

(b) if so, what was the demand therein and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It was demanded therein that the Commission be wound up. However, the Commission's life has recently been extended upto 31-1-1987 and a statemest in this regard was made by the Minister of State for Home Affairs in the Lok Sabha on 30th July, 1986.

झांसी के निकट भारी बख्तरबंद गाड़ियों का निर्माण करने के कारखाने की स्थापना

1535. डा० गोविन्द दास रिछारिया : क्या प्रधान मंत्री 12 दिसम्बर, 1985 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 2519 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या झांसी के निकट बख्तरबन्द गाड़ियों का निर्माण करने के कारखाने की स्थापना के लिये प्रारंभिक औपचारिकतायें पूरी कर ली गई हैं तथा उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार से इस उद्देश्य के लिये भूमि अधिग्रहीत कर ली गई है ; यदि नहीं, तो इसमें विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ख) इस परियोजना का निर्माण कार्य कब तक प्रारम्भ हो जाने की सम्भावना है ?

उत्पादन और रक्षा पूर्ति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुख राम) : (क) और (ख) साधनों की कमी के कारण वर्तमान यूनिटों में भारी बख्तरबन्द गाड़ियों के निर्माण के लिये उत्पादन सुविधायें मुहैया कराने के प्रश्न पर अभी विचार किया जा रहा है । इसलिये झांसी जिले में कारखाने के स्थान के बारे में अभी तक कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया